

## &gt;&gt;&gt; BHMA SUMMER UPDATES

GRADUATION  
CLASS OF 2025

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, we proudly celebrated the graduation of six participants from Berkshire Hills Music Academy's Two-Year Transition Program. Five graduates will remain with us as they move into the LIVE track—our long-term vocational program—where they will continue to grow as performers and professionals.



## &gt;&gt;&gt; VISITORS ON CAMPUS

We had some very special visitors on campus this spring! The Springfield Thunderbirds mascot brought big energy and bigger smiles during a surprise visit, while South Hadley's beloved comfort dog, Murphy, melted hearts across campus. Both visits added a fun and friendly boost to our day—thank you to our community partners for sharing the joy!



## END OF THE SEMESTER FIELD DAY &lt;&lt;&lt;

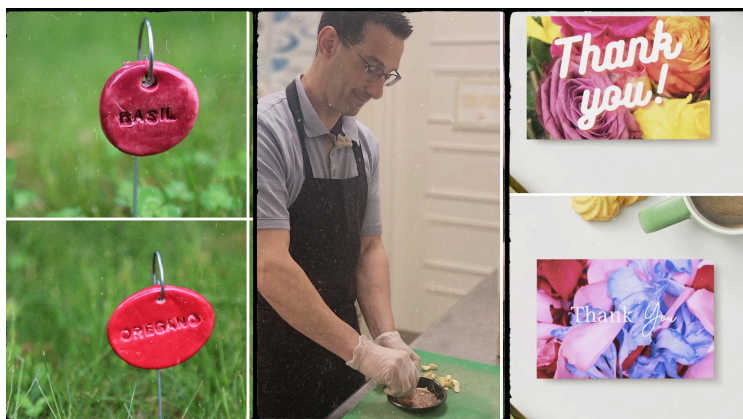
On May 12, 2025, BHMA hosted our annual Field Day in the backyard, and it was a day full of laughter and excitement (and no rain!)! Participants enjoyed bounce house fun, an inflatable slide, face painting, and spirited karaoke. After a classic cookout, Cindy's Ice Cream Truck arrived to serve up the perfect sweet treat to cap off the afternoon. Check out our social media pages for photos from this fun-filled event!



## &gt;&gt;&gt; BHMA MAKERS- NEW ITEMS!

The BHMA Makers Program allows individuals who have demonstrated an interest in the visual arts to express their creativity, while fostering their vocational skills. Every day in our makers program, participants meet to create a variety of works ranging from vibrant paintings to practical ceramic items that all represent creativity and self-expression. Check out our new garlic graters, thank you cards and garden tags!

Check out the website here: [www.bhmamakers.com](http://www.bhmamakers.com)





## DENIM & DIAMONDS GALA <<<

Join us on Saturday, September 20, 2025, for Berkshire Hills Music Academy's Denim & Diamonds Gala—a spirited evening of country flair and heartfelt celebration in support of our extraordinary participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This toe-tapping, boot-stomping night will feature performances by BHMA musicians, dancing, delicious food, and exciting auction items—all set on our scenic South Hadley campus. Visit our website [www.berkshirehills.org/countrygala](http://www.berkshirehills.org/countrygala) to buy tickets, become a sponsor or donate to our auction/ raffle!



## >>> HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

We're often humbled to hear that new families have learned about BHMA through conversations with our current community. Your firsthand experience is one of the most powerful ways to help others discover what makes our program special.

If you're ever speaking with someone who may benefit from learning more about BHMA, we encourage you to share our website, social media pages, or have them reach out directly to our Admissions Office. Whether it's a family exploring options or a school looking for resources, your recommendation can make a meaningful difference!

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US <<<

Want to see what life is like on campus? Follow Berkshire Hills Music Academy on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube for regular updates, photos, and videos of our participants in action. From classes and community outings to performances and special events, our social media channels offer a behind-the-scenes look at the BHMA experience.

Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to watch program-wide videos, and check out our dedicated Music Department page featuring full Variety Hour shows, ensemble pieces, and concert performances. It's a great way to stay in the loop and celebrate the talents of our incredible community. **Click the social media icons below to get connected to our pages!**



## IMPORTANT DATES:

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**- All medical forms in the BHMA portal are due

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Fall semester begins